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STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY LANSING

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OFFICIAL Policy Issuance (PI): 21-08, Change 1

Date: September 24, 2021

To: Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) Directors

SIGNED From: Joe Billig, Division Administrator

Targeted Services

Workforce Development

Subject: **Programs** Food Assistance Employment and Training (FAE&T) Plus Expansion

Affected: FAE&T

Rescissions: None

References: Food and Nutrition Act (the Act) of 2008, 7 United States Code (U.S.C.)

§ 2011 (2008) (originally enacted as Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended,

Public Law [PL] 88-525 [1964]).

Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill), PL 110-246

(2008) (codified, as amended, at 7 U.S.C.) § 2015.

Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended by the Agriculture Improvement

Act of 2018, PL 115-334, (2018).

7 Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Agriculture, Parts 273.7.

PI 21-02, Michigan Works! System Plan Instructions for Calendar Year 2021

issued January 5, 2021.

FAE&T and FAE&T Plus Manual, updated November 17, 2020.

Background: The Food and Nutrition Act provides that state agencies be given maximum

> flexibility in designing Employment & Training (E&T) programs for individuals receiving Food Assistance. An E&T program is a package of services, which includes assessment, component activities, participant reimbursements, and follow-up. The United States Department of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Service provides states with 50 percent reimbursement funds to support and

expand robust E&T programs funded with non-federal dollars.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, Workforce Development (LEO-WD) are committed to expanding job-driven E&T services to all Food Assistance Program (FAP) recipients by operating a voluntary FAE&T Plus program. The FAE&T Plus program connects with third-party partners also known as Plus Contractors, that focus on employer demand while offering skills training and credentials required to obtain self-sustaining employment.

Policy:

WD has allocated \$150,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 General Fund/General Purpose funds, as shown in Attachment A, to support administrative functions necessary to expand the FAE&T Plus program within the Michigan Works! system. This policy provides \$50,000 to Capital Area Michigan Works!, Michigan Works! Southeast, and Southeast Michigan Community Alliance to develop and execute a plan to deliver the FAE&T Plus program in FY 2022. This policy change extends the funding and expiration date to September 30, 2022.

Action:

The MWA officials shall prepare and submit a Budget Information Summary within 5 days from the issue date of this policy to LEO-TSDIV@michigan.gov.

All other requirements of PI 21-08 remain in effect.

Inquiries:

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to your assigned Reemployment Services state coordinator.

This policy is available for downloading from WD's website.

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Expiration Date:

te: September 30, 2022

JB:LM:ww Attachments

Budget Information Summary (BIS) Instructions

Food Assistance Employment and Training Plus - Program Administration

SECTION I - IDENTIFICATION

Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) Name: Enter the name of the MWA.

Policy Issuance Number: Enter the policy issuance number. "21-08, Change 1" has been pre-printed.

Grant Name: Enter the grant name. "FY21 GF/GP" has been pre-printed.

Project Name: Enter the project name. "FA E&T Plus Expansion" has been pre-printed.

Plan Period: Enter the start and end dates of the plan period. "10/1/20 through 9/30/22" has been pre-printed.

SECTION II - TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

Beginning Allocation: Enter the amount of the beginning allocation.

Additional Allocation: Enter the amount of the additional allocation, if applicable.

De-obligation: Enter the de-obligation amount, if applicable.

Total Funds Available: This cell will automatically calculate the sum of Section II.

SECTION III - PLANNED EXPENDITURES

Program Delivery: This cell will automatically equal the total funds available.

Note: The Program Administration BIS form titled "21-08c1_BIS-Admin.xlsx" is attached to this policy email.

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| Michigan Works! Agency | Program Administration |
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| Mioriigan Works. Agency | (\$) |
| Capital Area | 50,000 |
| Michigan Works! Southeast | 50,000 |
| SEMCA | 50,000 |
| Total | 150,000 |